

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Larry Heller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

Ray Lembke – Chair – Yes

Rick Combs – Yes

Gregg Conrad – Yes

Larry Heller – Yes

Also present were Director Julia Carney, Deputy Director Chris Dennison and Becky Rudd – Clerk taking record.

III. Other Attendees – Alan Edwards (Prosecutor's Office), Kenny Henning (SOS Liaison), Rick Grant, Todd Hart, Kathy Ryan, Andrew Strum, Chris Hicks

IV. Motion to Approve the Agenda as Presented

2019-13 – Mr. Combs made the motion to Approve the Agenda as Presented. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

V. Public Participation – Each speaker is limited to a maximum of five minutes to address the Board

Chris Hicks addressed the Board concerning duties of the Board under Revised Code 3501.11 (J).

VI. Approval of Minutes of the January 24, 2019 Regular Meeting and February 4, 2019 Special Meeting

2019-14 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2019 Regular and February 4, 2019 Special Board Meeting. Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VII. Approval of Bills as of February 22, 2019

2019-15 – Mr. Combs made the motion to approve and pay the bills as of February 22, 2019. Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Mr. Lembke inquired about the stanchions for voting room. Director Carney explained these were purchased for the early absentee voting room to provide a single line process instead of five lines to assist in moving the line more quickly. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VIII. Director's Report

A. Amelia Recall Petitions

Director Carney advised the Board that we received three petitions for recall for Amelia Village council members, Derrick Campbell, Doug Fischer and Steven Hacker. Derrick Campbell resigned from council last week and we will not have to take action on his petition. There is a question regarding the language in the petitions, which provides for the election of new council members and the Charter, which requires council to appoint the new member. Since Amelia Village has a Charter, the Charter would supersede state law. Alan Edwards, of the Prosecutor's Office, reviewed the petitions and Charter, and in his opinion there is a provision in the Charter, which he understands the vacancy must be filled pursuant to the Charter. Mr. Lembke confirmed that the petitions should be rejected in total, Mr. Edwards agreed (per O.R.C. 3501.39).

2019-16 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to reject the Petition for Recall of Doug Fischer and Steven Hacker as members of Amelia Village Council. Mr. Combs seconded the motion.

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

B. Opening of Bids received for the Printing of Ballots

Director Carney advised the Board that ES&S was the only bid we received for ballot printing.

Their bid is:

\$0.27 – single page 14-inch or 17-inch ballot (1-cent increase from last year)

\$0.03 – per ballot for folding absentee ballots

Their bond appears to be in order.

2019-17 – Mr. Heller made the motion to accept the bid of ES&S as the lowest responsible bidder for 2019 ballot printing. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

C. May Special Election

Director Carney advised the Board that Bethel Village Council withdrew the tax levy they filed for the May Special Election. The Milford Exempted Village School District will be the only issue on the ballot. We are currently working on filling the poll workers, and will hold absentee voting in the office and not open the AV voting room. This election will be a good test for the Ballot on Demand.

D. Voting Locations and Training Locations for Milford/Miami Township

We are looking for voting and training locations in the Milford/Miami Township area. We would like to consolidate two voting locations: St. James and the Oasis.

E. Red Barn Lease

The Red Barn Lease expires at the end of March. There is no county space at this time. We were offered a lease for the reception hall and could use it for training and equipment storage.

Facilities could build a wall to separate the two spaces and secure the storage area. The county could also use this training space and are willing to take care of maintenance and utilities. A security system is already in place and it is climate controlled. County space could open up in two or three years. The Red Barn gave us several lease options. The Director will write up a 3-year lease contract with an option (to extend if needed), and have the Prosecutor's Office review it.

F. Reimbursement for Voting Equipment

Director Carney advised the Board that we are being reimbursed \$1,791,546.00 for voting equipment, per Senate Bill 135. We will submit receipts for equipment previously purchased (DS200 and the 850 scanner) and still have money for new equipment purchases. We recommend the purchase of the Ballot on Demand system for early voting, Express Votes, new ADA equipment to replace the automarks. We would have enough money to replace our old ballot scanner with a new 450 ballot scanner (\$44,000). This is all state money. Total reimbursement is \$1,250,000; this includes all deliveries, deployment, set-up, logic & accuracy, training of staff, and security seals. The county will be reimbursed in about 3 weeks.

IX. Deputy Director's Report

A. Purchase of Voting Equipment

Deputy Director Dennison added that the Express Vote is a complete package. It comes with a printer, kiosk, is mobile, can be used at nursing homes, and any voter could use the unit.

ES&S is sending a technician back to train us on the Vote Remote during the May Special Election with live ballot envelopes.

B. Goshen Voting Locations

Deputy Director Dennison was following up on Mr. Combs request to look into polling locations in Goshen Township. There is a church, elementary schools, library, nursing home and Heritage Hall. The Board discussed the locations and he still needs to check them out further. Mr. Conrad doesn't see a need to move precincts out of the high school.

X. Recognition of Larry Heller

Chairman Lembke acknowledged that this is Larry Heller's last meeting as a Board Member. He has enjoyed working with Larry and applauds him for the work he has done for the compensation of the staff, he will be missed. Chairman Lembke read the Resolution.

2019-18 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the Resolution for Board Member Larry Heller. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Of Course

Mr. Lembke – Yes

XI. Next Meeting

Thursday, March 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. – Board Reorganization

Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. – Regular Monthly Board Meeting

XII. Motion to Adjourn

2019-19 – At 11:03 a.m., Mr. Heller made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Combs seconded the motion.

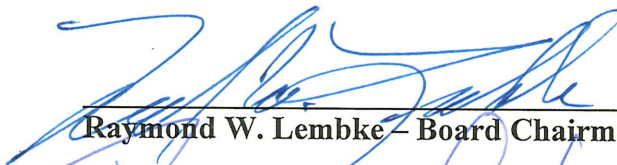
Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

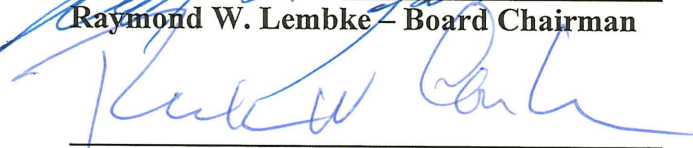
Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

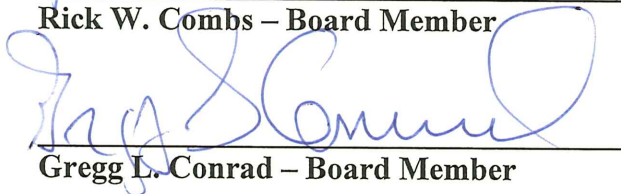
Mr. Lembke – Yes



Raymond W. Lembke – Board Chairman



Rick W. Combs – Board Member



Gregg L. Conrad – Board Member

Date 3-28-19

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2019

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